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## Baldwin Case.

Announcement of the membership of the committee to investigate the charges filed against Julian P. Baldwin, superintendent of schools of Alexandria, was made in the senate yesterday by President Ely. The committee is composed of Mr. Machen, of Alexandria, chairman; Mr. Garrett, of Henry, and Judge Wickham, of Henrico. A meeting of the committee has been called for Tuesday next at 3 P. M., at which time it is expected that several of those interested in this case will be present in person. The sessions, which will be held in one of the committee rooms in the basement, will be executive. It has not yet been determined whether the committee will conduct an oral hearing or simply receive written statements from each side, and then permit a brief argument. Mr. Machen is personally in favor of the written statements. Judge Wickham, it is understood, desires an oral hearing. Mr. Garrett has not been heard to express an opinion on this point.

## ENDS HIS EXISTENCE BY USE OF PENKNIFE

### Lamar Chappell, Suffering With Bright's Disease, Commits Suicide.

(By Associated Press.)

TAMPA, FLA., February 20.—Lamar Chappell, until recently assistant manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Company at Memphis, Tenn., committed suicide in his room at the Chautauque Hotel at St. Petersburg, Fla., this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock by stabbing himself in the heart with a pen-knife. Chappell was a sufferer with Bright's disease, and his brother believes he stabbed himself in a convulsion of pain from the disease. Dr. Wilcox, who had been attending Chappell, was the last man to see him before the suicide, and found him dead. Chappell had arrived at St. Petersburg Saturday last to take his brother to Columbus.

The deceased had been at St. Petersburg since November, having resigned his position at Memphis, owing to ill health. He was a Confederate veteran, and a few days ago received the cross of honor from his veteran camp at Memphis. He was a relative of Congressman W. B. Lamar, of Florida, and has another brother at Columbus, Ga., who is a member of the Georgia Legislature.

Major Chappell will accompany the remains to Columbus.

## DROWNS CHILDREN AND THEN HERSELF

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Associate Mr. Watters said that his wife had been subject to short spells of insanity, and that she spent some time in a sanitarium several years ago. Mr. Watters said his wife's troubles were entirely imaginary, and that their home life was always happy. Mrs. Watters' mental affection, which it was thought had been practically cured, took the form of a desperate anxiety for her children.

### Baird—Jones.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 20.—At the residence of Mrs. Baird, of Jones, on College Place, this afternoon, her daughter, Sallie Ridley, was married to Mr. John Thompson Baird, Jr. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William M. Vines, D. D. There were no attendants, and only the relatives of the bride and groom were present. The bride wore a gown of blue velvet, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. The groom wore a tuxedo. The ceremony was a simple one, and the bride and groom left for Washington, and from there will take a Southern trip. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Baird, and is now connected with the Southern Railway at Thomasville, Ga. The out-of-town guests were Messrs. J. T. Shipp, of the Parks and Mrs. J. T. Baird.

### Claick—Crush.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., February 20.—Miss Clara Crush, daughter of Mr. Robert Crush, of Flomastle, and Mr. Colie Claick, a prominent young business man of Weldon, N. C., were married this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Garman, Rev. T. J. Shipp officiating.

### Bigne—Snell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOWLING GREEN, VA., February 20.—Daisy Bigne, of Woodford, Caroline county, and Miss Ida A. Snell, formerly of New York, were married today by the Rev. Mr. Busby at the Methodist parsonage.

## TEXAS RAILROADS FIGHTING THE WILLIAMS TAX BILL

(By Associated Press.)

AUSTIN, TEX., Feb. 20.—Railroad attorneys are here today to fight the Williams tax bill, which the Texas legislature passed last night. The bill is designed to prevent the State Tax Board, created by the Williams tax bill, to assess the taxes on the railroads. The railroads are fighting the bill, claiming that it is unconstitutional. The bill is the subject of litigation in the higher courts of the State.

### Was On the Level.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BALTIMORE, MD., February 20.—At Herford today gave the lie to the statement of Joe Gans that Gans' last fight with Brit had been framed up to beat the better. "I deny every line of Gans' statement," said Herford. "The fight was strictly on the level, so far as I know."

### Colonel Mann Confident.

Colonel William Henry Mann, of Petersburg, was on the floor of the Senate yesterday. When asked concerning his confidence in the outcome of the election, he said: "The outlook is exceedingly good; that the portion of the district is decidedly in favor of the republican side. I am confident of support from other sections of the district, and I am confident that I will receive the nomination."

### Young Land Is Ill.

Mr. W. A. Land, editor of the Black-White Courier, is in the city with his wife, who is suffering from appendicitis. Young Land was operated upon yesterday by Dr. Stuart McCutcheon, and his condition is now improving. He is expected to be in a serious condition.

### Mr. Waite Here.

Mr. William Waite, of Culpeper, is in the city and was upon the floor of the Senate yesterday. Mr. Waite is understood to be of good authority, and will be one of the aides on Governor Swann's staff.

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## FAIR COMMITTEE ASK CITY'S HELP

Richmond Urged to Extend to State Agricultural Exposition Sympathy and Support.

### STRONG SPEECHES ARE MADE

Last night was a kind of reception night for the Fair Committee on Finance. It was the night for the regular meeting, but so much time was taken up in receiving delegations in search of appropriations very little was left to be devoted to the regular business.

The delegation in the interest of the United Confederate Veterans, who were the first to be heard. Then came a large delegation from the State Fair Association, which presented a proposition to that enterprise, and they were followed by a committee from the Stuart Monument Association, who came in search of information as to the status of the appropriation of \$20,000 already made for that monument. Finally a committee from the Board of Police Commissioners came to tell where and how they had decided to build the new police station.

The committee met promptly at 8 o'clock. Mr. Wood in the chair. First a hearing was given to Judge George L. Christian, who, with Mrs. N. W. Randolph and Mrs. Blenner and Mrs. David A. Brown, came to discuss the request recently made of the Council to invite the United Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the American Revolution and their 150 reunion in this city, and to make any appropriation for their entertainment. Judge Christian, who was the spokesman, asked that the sum of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purpose. Prompt action was urged, as it will be necessary to extend this invitation for the Vets to meet here at their annual reunion to be held this spring in New Orleans.

### State Fair Presented.

Hon. Henry C. Stuart headed the delegation from the State Fair Association. He was accompanied by Messrs. Joseph H. Stuart, of the Board of Police Commissioners, J. T. Anderson and Henry Chambers.

Mr. Wallestein was the first speaker, and he made a short, pointed talk, presenting the claims of the fair upon Richmond's stock of good will, sympathy and cash. Mr. Stuart then spoke briefly, and then Mr. Stuart took the floor and addressed the committee at some length. He said that there was a wonder in that fact that a city of this size should have a fair of this magnitude. It was a prosperous city in spite of the fact that it is absolutely divorced from the rest of the world. It is a city of the agricultural part of Virginia, and buys 90 per cent. of what she consumes from the farmers. It is a city of the agricultural part of Virginia, and buys 90 per cent. of what she consumes from the farmers. It is a city of the agricultural part of Virginia, and buys 90 per cent. of what she consumes from the farmers.

### More Producers Wanted.

Mr. Stuart then spoke of the restless condition of the people of the Middle West and the Northwest. They are seeking new locations in which to till the soil. They are needed in Virginia to cultivate idle lands and to build up waste places. Nothing in this opinion, can do more to bring this producing class here than to show them that the capital city is in sympathy with agriculture. A great State fair is the medium through which this sympathy can be shown to the greatest advantage and it will be Richmond's most potent agency in reclaiming her lost territory by putting her in closer touch with agriculture and agricultural interests. Speaking of the fair, Mr. Stuart said that it was upon its educational features. There is there all of course, some announcements of proper character, such as racing within the law, the whole thing is to be strictly educational along agricultural lines.

While no amount was named as proper for Richmond to appropriate—and the speaker said he did not care whether it came as a cash gift, or a payment for stock or as grounds upon which to hold the fair—he thought Richmond's interest in the enterprise should be sufficient to put the question in possession of the necessary grounds.

Messrs. W. A. Crenshaw and Henry Fairfax spoke briefly.

### Committee Made Happy.

The committee retired and the Stuart monument delegation was given a hearing. It was composed of Messrs. James R. Gordon, James Vase, Frank T. Sutton and J. B. Carroll. Messrs. Gordon and Carroll were the spokesmen. They wanted \$5,000 of the appropriation and wanted to know how to get it.

After an examination of the law they were told that they had only to call upon the City Auditor and sign the proper vouchers and then they were away happy. Mayor McCarthy and Messrs. W. T. Reed and Thomas Whittier, from the Police Board, informed the committee that the board had decided to build the new station house on the Seaboard Warehouse lot, between nineteenth and Nineteenth streets, and all they wanted was permission to do so and \$10,000 with which to build. They were assured that they would get both, and they went away happy.

The committee then went into executive session, but took no action as to the above matters, except to name a sub-committee to confer with a committee on the part of the city concerning size, value and location of a site for the fair. It is more than likely that the city will in some way pay for the site.

## CLOSE POTOMAC FOR TWO YEARS

This Much Decided By Joint Oyster Commission, Which Will Meet Again To-Day.

### LOOK INTO THE V. P. I. MATTER

Bill Offered by Mr. Peyton; Senator Machen Would Protect Public Against R. R. Accidents.

The Virginia-Maryland oyster commission named by the Legislatures of the two States to arrive, it possible, at some amicable agreement as to the rights of each in the Potomac River with reference to oyster interests, was organized yesterday with Senator J. Charles Linthicum, of the Maryland Committee chairman.

The commission considered several questions relating to the subject, but took final action on only one.

This was to close the Potomac River to dredging for a period of two years. The vote on this proposition after much discussion was: Virginians—Ayes, 4; noes, 2. Marylanders—Ayes, 7; noes, 1.

This, like any other action the joint commission may take is merely persuasive, and will have to be acted upon by the two Legislatures before it can become final.

The Virginia Committee entertained the Maryland contingent at the Westmoreland Club last night and outside of the two committees there were present Governor Swann, Lieutenant-Governor Elyson, Speaker Cardwell, Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston, and Clerks Button, of the Senate, and Williams, of the House.

### Uniform Legislation.

After the joint meeting had organized, Senator Walker, of Virginia, being made chairman, the Maryland delegation made a most conservative speech in favor of uniformity of legislation between the two States on the oyster question. He contended that under present conditions, neither was getting her rights, and that they ought to be able to get together upon some



SENATOR J. F. GREAR, member of the Legislature, who recently became a benedict, and whom his colleagues have handsomely remembered.

proper and equitable ground. He said that Maryland came in a friendly spirit to treat on this most important subject with her sister State.

He thought there should be a law which would fine and imprison any oysterman who would take seed oysters without the right to do so.

### Close the Potomac.

There was quite a debate over the question of closing the Potomac for two years, which finally prevailed. Senator Walker, of Virginia, spoke of the rich assets in the Potomac River, which might be made more profitable to both States. He favored conclusions which would result in benefit to both.

Senator Lancaster, of Maryland, declared that he would oppose the stopping of dredging in the Potomac unless there was a move looking forward to ultimate planting.

Nearly all the members of both committees joined in on one side or the other, and finally the vote was recorded as is stated above.

### V. P. I. MATTER AGAIN.

#### Delegate Peyton Offers Bill to Set Aside Judgment in Christian Case.

Hon. R. E. Peyton, Jr., of Richmond, yesterday offered in the House a bill to set aside and annul a judgment rendered by the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, rendered December 12, 1905, in the judgment of the faculty of said institution, rendered September 25, 1905, refusing to allow William B. Christian, Rowland P. Eubank and Julian M. Salley to matriculate at said institution, on the alleged ground that they had been engaged in hazing, and to restore to said Christian, Eubank and Salley the right to matriculate at said institution.

The case involved is an interesting one, and appeals to Richmond people, along with others in the State. It is contended by the patron of the bill that on September 25, 1905, Christian, Eubank and Salley were refused the right of matriculating by the faculty of V. P. I. on the ground that they had been engaged in hazing. Judge George L. Christian, father of William B. Christian, went to V. P. I. and endeavored to set the faculty to rest. In order to do this, he presented Senator Daniel might present new evidence and be heard on behalf of these young men, but this was denied by the faculty.

After being refused a hearing by the faculty, Judge Christian applied to the Board of Visitors, but was again refused the right of having his son, Eubank and Salley matriculate.

Mr. Peyton says: It was shown by the evidence that Christian, Eubank and Salley took no part in the hazing.

The Finance Committee of the House of Delegates finished yesterday morning the work of regulating the annuities of the

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different State institutions. The University of Virginia will get an increase of \$25,000. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute an increase of \$15,000. The Virginia Military Institute an increase of \$10,000. The College of William and Mary an increase of \$10,000. and State Female Normal School an increase of \$10,000.

Widespread interest is still being manifested in the bills relating to commission-ers of the revenue. Several resolutions introduced recently in the Senate by Mr. Machen, of Alexandria, touching this matter have attracted much attention. Speaking of his resolutions last night, Mr. Machen said:

"I have introduced resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution allowing commissioners of the revenue and treasurers of the several counties and cities to succeed themselves. Under the proposed amendments the General Assembly may provide that the commissioners of the revenue be elected or appointed as may be deemed best."

"The Constitution put the Legislature into the position of denying to the people the right to choose their commissioners of the revenue or of denying the people the right to retain the services of those commissioners whom they had chosen. In many cases these commissioners have been re-elected many times. They are thoroughly satisfactory, and it would be nothing less than a public calamity to have them all put out of office. To put them all out of office would throw the Auditor's office in hopeless confusion. By the time they have partially learned their duties they would have to go out again. Surely this is a poor business policy."

"On the other hand, the right of the people to elect their officers is one of which the people are justly jealous. Personally, I would be glad to see them elect men who do not now elect. Moreover, there is well founded objection to putting any more appointing power into the hands of our judges. They do not care for it, and in many cases it subjects them to unnecessary embarrassment and occasionally to unjust criticism."

"Upon a view of the whole case it appeared that the only solution of the dilemma was to amend the Constitution so as to allow the commissioners of revenue to succeed themselves and to empower the courts to appoint pending the adoption of the amendment."

"No good reason is perceived why the treasurers also should not be allowed to succeed themselves."

"I shall support the Early bill, because I regard it as a temporary expedient, and shall press my resolution proposing the constitutional amendments, which will enable a subsequent Legislature to put back the right of election into the hands of the people where it belongs."

After a lengthy discussion, the Senate Committee on Public Institutions and Education yesterday reported, with the recommendation that it do not pass, the bill increasing the salary of the Commissioner of Hospitals to \$3,000 and the Commissioner of the State Prison to \$2,500. The bill was introduced by Mr. E. W. Grear, of Petersburg. The vote was 10 yeas and 10 nays.

It has been generally understood, and was, in fact, so stated at the time of its introduction, that the bill was designed to attract Dr. W. F. Drewry, now superintendent of the Central State Hospital at Petersburg. Dr. Drewry has been offered as one of the leading specialists in the country, and a reputation of the highest kind in Virginia. The post now filled by Colonel L. W. Lane, Jr., who under the Wickham bill, would be ineligible. It was argued, however, that the Constitution specifically provides that the commissioner shall be an accountant and physician, and that the bill was designed to limit his selection to one of these professions. Nothing in this opinion, can do more to bring this producing class here than to show them that the capital city is in sympathy with agriculture. A great State fair is the medium through which this sympathy can be shown to the greatest advantage and it will be Richmond's most potent agency in reclaiming her lost territory by putting her in closer touch with agriculture and agricultural interests.

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## OFFENSIVE WORD WAS WITHDRAWN

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human animals, and they are all right. I suppose the senator from Lynchburg does not speak them with an 'a.' Of course, I meant no offense. If the language I used is offensive to him, I withdraw it."

"All right," said Mr. Thomas, shortly, sitting down again. Mr. Wickham resumed his speech, and within a moment the best of good-humor prevailed in the chamber again, and the two senators were firing at each other pleasantly across the carcass of the dying tax bill.

### The Debate.

Discussion of the Thomas bill was resumed in the Senate immediately after the morning hour, the measure coming up on its engrossment. Since the last debate the Lynchburg senator had determined, notwithstanding the odds against him, to fight to the end to try to get the bill through. The measure has been passed by from day to day for some time, but when it was called up yesterday Mr. Thomas was on his feet again. Going over the situation briefly for a second time, he denounced the Virginia taxation system generally, defining it as a "heterogeneous mass of incongruities, the weakest point in the political situation in Virginia to-day." The bill, he hoped, would be engrossed, notwithstanding the adverse report of the Finance Committee. The Lynchburg senator again declared that he would carry the fight before the people. He predicted that the next Democratic convention would echo the fight.

"The game is up, gentlemen," said Mr. Thomas, "and the fight is on. It is now a question of whether the Democratic party will counteract the conditions wrong in principle and unjust in operation, or will give that relief which the people desire and demand. The fight is on, to continue until this question is finally and fairly settled."

Without attempting to follow the argument of the Lynchburg senator into all its minutiae, Mr. Kezell, of Rockingham, made a vigorous assault upon the bill. Mr. Kezell declared that the tax problem had been under consideration for some years, and pointed out that the system with reference to the public service corporations is prescribed in the Constitution until 1913, and cannot be changed now, without a constitutional amendment. In his opinion of the Rockingham senator, the corporations are now bearing a fair share of the public burden. As for the charge that they are not assessed at their full value, he declared that all over Virginia lands are assessed at amounts far below their market value. A tax commission, he believed, would be of no service, as a constitutional amendment, which already "knows its duty, and is performing it in accordance with its judgment." A commission dominated by men holding views similar to those of the patron of the bill might go no one knew how far, the Lynchburg senator having declared that he would abolish licenses for special privileges, including the whiskey tax, and that the legislature should sell the intoxicating drink itself.

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